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DOT Presents Minority Development (MEDWeek) Awards

This is a time of year that I enjoy so much...a time when we recognize members of our small and disadvantaged business community who have made significant contributions to the transportation industry. In this edition of the *Transportation Link* we proudly feature our 1999 Minority Enterprise Development Week (MEDWeek) award winners.

I want to personally thank all of our award recipients for the contributions they have made within the *Department of Transportation*.

I also want to announce that OSDBU has recently unveiled a newly redesigned web site. I am very proud of the work we have done to improve the site for you. I hope you will find the changes helpful. This initiative project was part of our continuous efforts to improve customer service.

We are also preparing for our upcoming Arizona Marketplace on December 16. We look forward to seeing many of you there and you can register online at: <http://osdbuweb.dot.gov/azmktplac.cfm>.

For those of you who will be traveling by air at the end of this year, we have provided information on DOT's new *Civil Aviation Y2K Information Review* web site.

I hope that all of you have a happy and safe holiday season I wish you a successful Year 2000!

On October 28, the U.S Department of Transportation (DOT) held an award ceremony to recognize members of the small and disadvantaged business community who have made significant contributions to the transportation industry and our Nation's economy.

A total of 32 awards were given to Minority Business Enterprises, Women-Owned Business Enterprises, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and Minority and Small Business Advocates.

This DOT event is a follow-up to the Annual National Minority Development (MED) Week Conference sponsored by the Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

In President Clinton's MED Week proclamation, he encouraged us to, "...honor the many minority businessmen and women whose energy, spirit and creativity have strengthened our economy and enriched our country" while at the same time he reminded us to "...rededicate ourselves to nurturing the dreams and talents of all Americans and to realizing the limitless possibilities of our free enterprise system."

The national theme for MED Week '99 was "Minority Business: A Critical Partner in America's Success." In conjunction with this theme, DOT will continue to partner with small, disadvantaged and women-owned businesses and expand business opportunities for these entrepreneurs to participate in transportation-related programs.

DOT Secretary, Rodney Slater pointed out that last year DOT awarded more than 55 percent of direct procurement dollars to small businesses, more than 14 percent to socially and economically disadvantaged businesses under the authority of the 8(a) provision, and 4 percent to women-owned businesses.

Secretary Slater also emphasized that, "DOT is committed to using all the technology at our disposal to make it easier to announce procurement opportunities, to search for businesses, to buy goods and services and to pay vendors. And we are using the Internet to help minority firms compete for new business."

The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) coordinates

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Minority Enterprise Development MED WEEK '99 AWARDS

Federal Highway Administration

**OUTSTANDING MINORITY
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**
WILLIE FRAZIER
President
W. Frazier Construction Co.



**OUTSTANDING DISADVANTAGED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**
MANUEL SOSA, JR.
President
Computing Technologies, Inc.

**OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**
JOANNE JOHNSON
Owner
Johnson Landscaping

**ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE AWARD**
CHARLES KLEMSTINE
Equal Opportunity Specialist

United States Coast Guard

**COMMANDANT'S MINORITY
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**
MATTHEW D. LEE
President
Allied Technology Group, Inc.

**COMMANDANT'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
AWARD**
SKC JOHN MACY
Assistant Chief
Procurement and Logistics Branch
Headquarters Support Command



*Congratulations to all
the winners!*

Federal Railroad Administration

**OUTSTANDING MINORITY
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**
JOHN LeDAY
President
Southend Janitorial Supply, Inc.

**OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**
WANDA J. PETTY
Owner and President
JP Corporation



**ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
AWARD**
LINDA DEARING
Contracting Officer
Office of Acquisition and Grants

Office of the Secretary

**SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY AND SMALL BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE ADVOCATE AWARD**
REGINALD HOLLOWAY
Procurement Center Representative
Small Business Administration

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING
WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE ADVOCATE AWARD**
INEZ C. WILLIAMS
Federal Aviation Administration

DANI WILDASON
United States Coast Guard

BERT JACKSON
Federal Railroad Administration

**OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE AWARD**
ROBERT NAKAMOTO
President/CEO
Base Technologies, Inc.

Transportation Administration Service Center

**OUTSTANDING MINORITY
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**
EUGENE M. FAISON, JR.
President
Global Exchange, Inc.



ENRIQUE A. TESSADA
President
Tessada & Associates, Inc.
**OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**
SUSAN T. KELLY
President
Microsearch Corporation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



**OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**
MARY MAGNINI
President
Meetings Management, Inc.
**ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
AWARD**
SUSAN JAMES
Employee Development Specialist

*Minority and women
entrepreneurs continue to make
significant*

*Contributions to the
transportation industry and our
Nation's economy.*

Research and Special Programs Administration

**OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE AWARD**
KWANG HO KIM
President
Alphatech Corporation

Research and Special Programs Administration

**ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
AWARD**
LISA M. WILUSZ
Contract Specialist

Federal Aviation Administration

**OUTSTANDING MINORITY
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**
SHAMAL ROY
President
Cameron Consulting Group

VICHITAR MALHOTRA
President
Subsystem Technologies, Inc.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
AWARD**
CHERYL THOMAS
Procurement Analyst/Team Leader
Acquisition Management Branch



VIDA TARPLEY
Contract Specialist
Facilities and Technology Services
Branch

TIM ECKERT
Contracting Officer
Facilities and Technology Services
Branch

Maritime Administration

**OUTSTANDING MINORITY
BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE AWARD**

AMELIO G. SANCHEZ
President
Sancez Construction Corporation

**OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**



CHARLOTTE H. CAPITANO
President
EdgeBusiness Services, Inc.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
AWARD**
WAYNE A. CUTRELL
Vessel Acquisition Team Leader

Federal Transit Administration

**OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**
ANGELA ARRINGTON
President

MultiConsultant Associates, Inc.
**ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
AWARD**
BOBBY JONES

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Contracting Officer

CANDICE A. GONZALEZ
Diversity Programs Director
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OSDBU Web Site Gets a Facelift

The OSDBU web site was recently redesigned to provide our customers with a more user-friendly, innovative tool to access information that will allow small, disadvantaged, and women-owned businesses to participate in transportation-related contracting.

OSDBU's top priorities in updating the site included restructuring to improve our customers' timely access to information, while still maintaining the identity of the original site. We edit and update information on the web site on a daily basis. The new site allows us to streamline this process.

On a periodic basis OSDBU distributes Customer Feedback Questionnaires. The web site also has a Feedback section that allows customers to comment on OSDBU services. The comments that we have received from both sources were taken into consideration in redesigning the site.

For those of you interested in the technical aspect of the redesign...all of the pages are generated from several master templates, that pull data from databases and other files. There are over 1,000 pages in total and over 45,000 hyperlinks.

We hope you will take the time to "surf" our new web site and let us know what you think. Comments can be submitted at <http://osdbuweb.dot.gov/about/feedback.html>.

The home page for the "new and improved" OSDBU website is located at <http://osdbuweb.dot.gov/>

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Week' on page 4*
The acquisition/
procurement office of each Operating
Administration selects the businesses and
small business advocates to be recognized.

For more information on the DOT award ceremony, call Brenda Preston at (800) 532-1169 x66397 or e-mail brenda.preston@ost.dot.gov. The DOT press release can be viewed at <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot17699.htm> Secretary Slater's speech can be viewed at http://osdbuweb.dot.gov/conferences/med_weekspeech.html



Congratulations OSDBU!

Four staff members of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization recently won awards from Secretary of Transportation, Rodney Slater. The awards were as follows:

Nancy Strine, Manager of the Short Term Lending Program

"Find the Good and Praise It" Award

For a job well done in participating in the Department's Presentations at the Fifth Annual White House Community Empowerment Conference.



Nancy Strine



Gerardo Franco



Will Terry Moore



Joe Capuano

Gerardo Franco, Procurement Analyst

1999 Team Award for Y2K Outreach

For going above and beyond the Y2K requirements of his office in providing outstanding support for the overall Department effort on Y2K Outreach.

Will Terry Moore, Associate Director

Secretary of Transportation's Team Award in recognition of his efforts in establishing and implementing an unprecedented, strategic planning process for transportation research and development through the National Science and Technology Council Committee on Technology.

Joe Capuano, Associate Director

Silver Medal for Meritorious Achievement

For making a significant difference in the quality and level of services provided to the small and disadvantaged business community.

Reminder

*OSDBU is sponsoring a Transportation Marketplace
In Phoenix, Arizona on December 16.*

*For more information, contact Carla Coolman
At 1-800-532-1169 x69886.*

*You can register online at:
<http://osdbuweb.dot.gov/azmktplac.cfm>*

Air Travel Y2K Web Site

The U.S. Department of Transportation recently developed a *Civil Aviation Y2K Information Review* web site that is a valuable resource for people traveling by air at the change of the millennium.

As a public service, the DOT/FAA organized a U.S. Government team to review available information on the Y2K preparedness of destinations frequently visited by U.S. citizens. As a result, the foreign travel section of this web site includes a country-by-country review of the reported status of country air traffic service providers, foreign international airports, and foreign based international carriers.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reviewed available information on the Year 2000 (Y2K) preparedness of U.S. airports and air carriers. The U.S. travel section of this web site includes the corresponding review status of the U.S. National Airspace System, U.S. Airports, and U.S.-based carriers.

Included in the Related Links section of the site are hyperlinks to transportation-related Y2K sites, including the U.S. State Department Travel Warnings and Consular Information Sheets.

This site can be viewed at <http://152.119.239.141/fly2k/>.

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